

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF DENTON
CITY OF CORINTH**

On this the 9th day of January 2020 the City Council of the City of Corinth, Texas met in Regular Session at the Corinth City Hall at 7:00 P.M., located at 3300 Corinth Parkway, Corinth, Texas. The meeting date, time, place and purpose as required by Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter C, Section 551.041, Government Code, with the following members to wit:

Members Present:

Mayor Heidemann
Sam Burke, Mayor Pro Tem
Scott Garber, Council Member
Lowell Johnson, Council Member
Tina Henderson, Council Member

Members Absent:

Kelly Pickens, Council Member

Staff Members Present

Bob Hart, City Manager
Kim Pence, City Secretary
Patricia Adams, Rockefeller, & Fort
Lee Ann Bunselmeyer, Finance, Administration, Communications & Marketing Director
Michael Ross, Fire Chief
Helen-Eve Liebman, Planning and Development Director
Ben Rodriguez, Planning and Development Manager
George Marshall, City Engineer
Jason Alexander, Economic Development Corporation Director
Shea Rodgers, Technology Services Manager

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & TEXAS PLEDGE:

Mayor Heidemann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Garber delivered the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted in one motion. Should the Mayor, a Councilmember, or any citizen desire discussion of any Item that Item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

1. Consider and act on minutes from the October 17, 2019 Workshop Session
2. Consider and act on minutes from the October 17, 2019 Regular Session.
3. Consider and act on a resolution reviewing and approving the Investment Policy for funds for the City of Corinth; and providing an effective date.
4. Consider and act on a resolution reviewing and approving the Investment Policy for funds for the Economic Development Corporation; and providing an effective date.
5. Consider and act on a resolution reviewing and approving the Investment Policy for funds for the

Crime Control & Prevention District; and providing an effective date.

MOTION made by Councilmember Garber to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Henderson.

AYES: Burke, Garber, Johnson, Henderson
NOES: None
ABSENT: Pickens

MOTION CARRIED

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council is prohibited from acting on or discussing (other than factual responses to specific questions) any items brought before them at this time. Citizen's comments will be limited to 3 minutes. Comments about any of the Council agenda items are appreciated by the Council and may be taken into consideration at this time or during that agenda item. Please complete a Public Input form if you desire to address the City Council. All remarks and questions addressed to the Council shall be addressed to the Council as a whole and not to any individual member thereof. Section 30.041B Code of Ordinance of the City of Corinth.

Denise Wetzel, 1006 Meadows Drive – would like the Council to consider increasing the senior discount on our property taxes. There has been a lot of discussion regarding the water bills and the senior discount on our water bills is kind of a joke and it would be nice to have a discount maybe so many months out of the year or during the summer months that would be great. Additionally, I would like to ask the Council to consider reducing the interior subdivision speed limit from 30 MPH to 20 or 25 MPH. Can a City Lower the speed limit or is it state law that it be at 30 MPH?

Bob Hart, City Manager – after a traffic study has been done it can be lowered but no lower than 25 MPH.

Denise Wetzel, 1006 Meadows Drive – what do I need to do to get the speed limit lowered from 30 MPH to 25 MPH?

Bob Hart, City Manager – we have seen a lot of comments on social media and we have already initiated discussion within the staff to look at it. It will take some time for the traffic study and then will be brought to Council for consideration of an Ordinance to reset the speed limit.

BUSINESS AGENDA:

6. Receive a presentation and hold a discussion regarding boat and RV parking survey.

Helen-Eve Liebman, Planning and Development Director - for a little over a year the City Staff has received complaints from a small number of residents regarding the parking of Boats, Recreational Vehicles and Trailers in front of homes in the driveway.

The City's Code of Ordinances currently allows the parking of boats, R.V.'s, and trailers on a residential lot in front of a house provided that it is parked on a paved or improved surface such as a driveway and that it does not extend into the sidewalk. Parking or overhang into the sidewalk is prohibited.

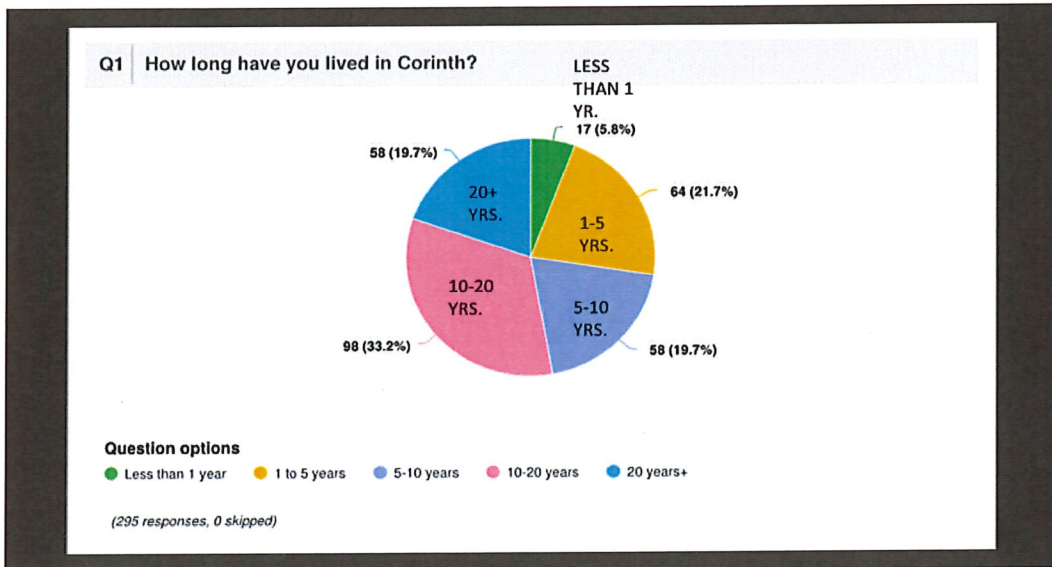
Additionally, the City's current Code of Ordinances limits the time that a boat, R.V. or Trailer may

be parked in the street up to 48 hours. The Code for Boat, RV's, and Trailer parking has been in effect since 2003/2004.

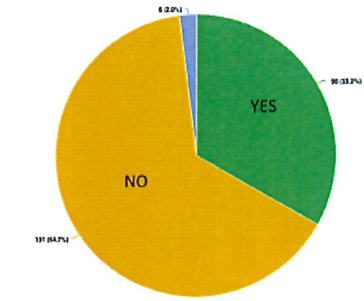
City Staff made an informal presentation to the City Council during the work session meeting on June 20, 2019. The work session meeting was intended to explain the City's current Codes relating to parking Boats, R.V.'s and trailers on residential lots, and to seek guidance on any changes to the text that may be desired.

Following the work session presentation and discussion City Council wanted to ensure that the residents would be aware of any changes and allow for their input. City Staff formulated a brief online survey for residents to provide their opinions on the parking of boats, R.V.'s and Trailers within neighborhoods.

The survey was hosted on mycorinth.com from November 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. There were 295 total responses. The results are posted on mycorinth.com. Tonight's agenda item does not propose any action from the City Council. This item is a presentation and discussion of the survey results.



Does your neighborhood have a Homeowner's Association "HOA?"

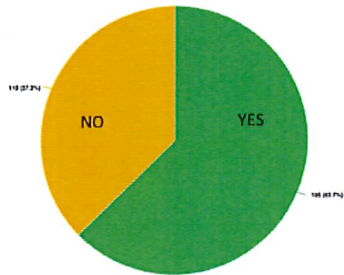


Question options

YES NO Not sure

202 responses (1 skipped)

The City's code of ordinances states that boats, RV's and trailers may be parked in front of the home if parked on a paved or improved surface. If no paved surface is available, then they must be placed behind the home. Are you ok with this?



Question options

YES NO

201 responses (4 skipped)

If you are not happy with the current language in the Code of Ordinances what would you change?

I don't think that boat's, recreational vehicles or trailers should ever be parked in the front of the home if it is visible from the street.

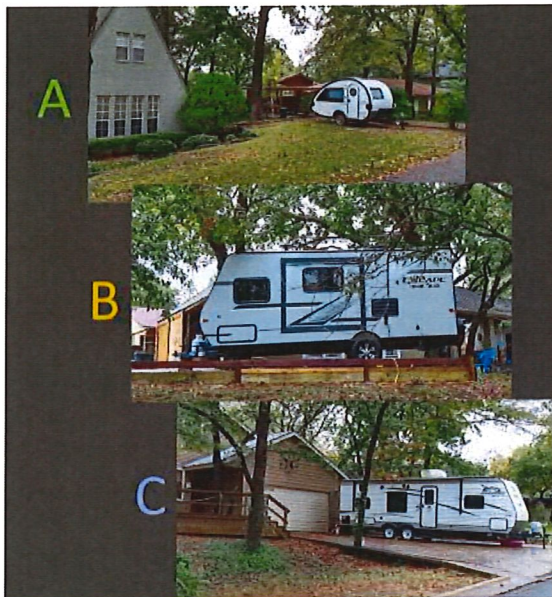
The language should be more specific on size and usage of the vehicle. It should not be consistent with city ordinances for people to be living in an RV in front of a home for extended periods of time

You must have a certain lot size or land, ie..must have minimum 1 acre lot. additionally there should be a height requirement so someone doesn't have 10ft. or higher vehicle on driveway and neighbors can't see down street. Last nothing should be parked on the streets.

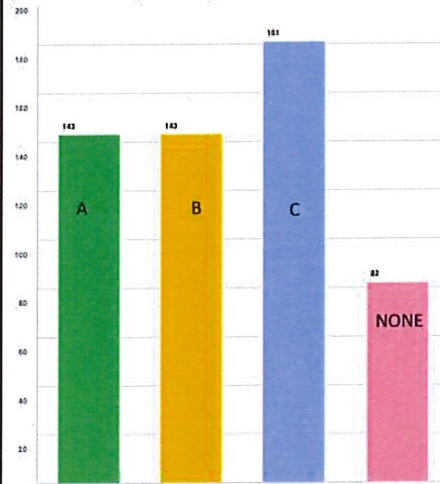
I think a gravel pad should also be allowed...not just a paved pad

It needs to be parked in the driveway(as long as it's not blocking the walking path). Trailers need to be parked in the driveway or garage and ONLY in the street if it is attached to a vehicle but for no more than 48 hours. No RVS unless it's temporarily less than 24 hours. The streets aren't big enough and there isn't a lot of room on the streets for excessive vehicle parking. It gets in the way of people driving down the street.

My property, no interference from the corinth.

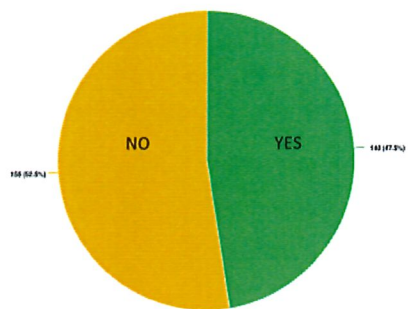


Which of the RV/Trailers do you feel is appropriate to be placed on a Single-Family lot.



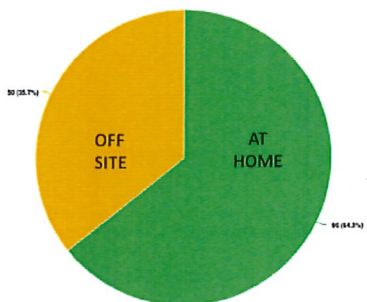
Question options
 A B C None of the above

Do you own a boat, recreational vehicle or trailer?



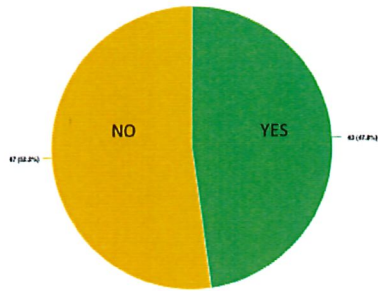
Question options
● Yes ● No
(215 responses, 2 skipped)

Where do you store your boat, recreational vehicle, or trailer?



Question options
● At home ● Off site (garage, storage yard, RV park, etc.)
(214 responses, 12 skipped)

Did you move to Corinth because boats, RV's and Trailers are allowed to be parked on your residential lot?

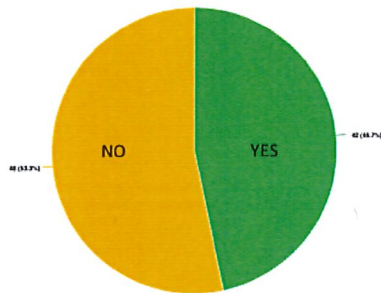


Question options

• Yes • No

(20 responses, 205 skipped)

Have you made any improvements to your property in order to place your boat, trailer or recreational vehicle on your property? Ex. Extending/widening your driveway, adding additional screening, adding gate to fence, etc.



Question options

• Yes • No

(20 responses, 205 skipped)

Q10 What kind of Improvements did you make to your property?

50 foot slab of concrete in backyard

Extended the driveway to widen with hard packed road base

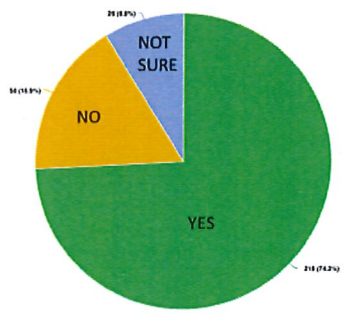
Extended drive. Received permit from City of Corinth for RV pad with extension to driveway approach. Est. cost \$6500.00

Widened my driveway with concrete

Widening and adding driveway, adding gates to fence, built new fence

We added more concrete to improve the surface and driveway to place it on per the cities requirement.

Do any of your neighbors have a boat, RV, or trailer on their property?



Question options
● Yes ● No ● Not sure
(2018 responses, 2 filtered)

Q12 Do you have any issues or concerns with your neighbors boat, recreational vehicle or trailer on their property. If so please describe them below.

No, it's their property.

No I do not. I would hate to see the city change their current rules for this. HOAs are an option for those wanting more rules.

Yes, they have to park their cars on the street so it reduces the driving spaces.

There are several on our street - none pose a problem or an eyesore.

No issues whatsoever. Their property = their business. Just like my property = my business. Everyone mind their own business and we'll get along great!

None. It is legal to do so. It was legal when they moved here, it should remain legal.

Only when parked in the street and when it's clearly not functional.

Yes. They try to be extremely thoughtful but many others ARE NOT! Some trailers / boats haven't moved in a year or more.

No real concerns just an eye sore

I have no issues with how these are stored on the property as long as it is on an "improved" surface.

They are unsightly to be parked at a home for it brings the property value down.

With multiple in one driveway it tends to become a nuisance. This forces the homeowners to park more vehicles in the street causing more congestion issues. There should maybe be a limit to number of RV's or boats and maybe to max size allowable.

I have no problem unless it encroaches into the sidewalk areas.

No, they are OK as long as it is parked on a paved surface. We are one of the Lake Cities after all.

My HOA has rules on RV and Boat but they kinda ignore it. But I believe it should be up to the individual community with HOA set the rules/policy in there area. I do agree with Corinth current policy.

Not at all.. their property is their property, it shouldn't bother me at all.

Yes, our HOA does not permit parking RV's in front of a house in Oakmont so this is a violation of the HOA.

I have no complaints or concerns about my neighbors RV. It is parked in his driveway on his property. It seems you are forgetting that we live near a lake and camping areas.

I have no issues with any neighbors having boats, trailers and recreational vehicle at their home. The city is over stepping their bounds as it is. Do something constructive like side walks, drainage and leave us alone on everything else such as this.

Yes. Don't care for the look of trailers and boats in driveway but the worst part is that it pushes a vehicle to parking in the street instead of driveway

Staff has had difficulty with the following sections of the Code and would like to work with the city attorney to bring a clear and simple change once the items have been clarified, proper notice given, and on an agenda for action:

(3)

(a) A person commits an offense if, in a residential area, the person parks a passenger car, passenger van, truck camper in combination with its carrying vehicle, watercraft loaded on a watercraft trailer, collapsible camper-trailer, or other vehicle on a surface other than a paved or improved surface.

(b) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of subsection (a) above that the motor home, travel trailer, watercraft loaded on a watercraft trailer, or utility trailer is parked behind the front building line and screened from public view.

The clarification would not change any of the City's requirement or standards.

The results of the survey illustrate that the majority of the respondents are in favor of the current standards in place. Staff recommends amending the 2 sections of the current ordinance on a future agenda to provide needed clarity.

Keith Hall, 4251 FM 2181 – we must keep in mind Corinth is a lake City and it is only natural that citizens who desire to have boats and RV's are going to want to live here. Please also keep in mind the limited RV and boat storages available nearby. I also realize there are a good number of people who have no desire to own an RV or a boat and prefer that those vehicles are not permitted in their neighborhoods. For those folks, there are plenty HOA communities in the City of Corinth and the existing code regulations were put in place when most of us chose to move here. I have some concerns that is based on a period of events that I incurred with regards to this topic. My first concern is that it is acceptable for citizens to use 9-1-1 service to report code violations such as an RV blocking the sidewalk, these are not police issues they are code enforcement issues and the police seem to have their hands bound while having to respond to these when there is nothing they can do. Our City has non-emergency numbers. My second the police department, code enforcement and now the City Council seem very eager to listen and react to a single complaining citizen for months on end before finally deciding to listen to the community and decide what is best for the greater good. All the while, the ongoing harassment that I encountered the whole time fell mostly on deaf ears. There is a total lack of uniform code enforcement in this City. I personally spent over \$6,000 to become a code compliant citizen, that was in addition to the \$550 a month to store my RV offsite so I was only bringing my RV home for the weekend and or for repairs to load and unload which are things you need to do when you own that type of vehicle. Once I became code compliant, the harassment never stopped until I finally contact a lawyer. The harassment subsided for a short period until June 20, 2019 a single concerned citizen was allowed to voice a one-sided inaccurate description of the on goings in our neighborhood for which the Council listened and is not considering action. My question to the members of this Council are what happened to governing for the greater good?

Lonnie Dill, 2014 Glen Manor Road – I live here because I like the lake and I think people live here for that reason. I moved from Oklahoma because I lived in an HOA and it wasn't for me. This has caused to many problems and should be moved to the front of the agenda to get it straightened up as fast as we can. People that were friends in the neighborhood are no longer friends.

Ed Fortuna, 4100 Tree House Lane – I have lived in this neighborhood now for 26 years. I like this City. Mr. Hall and Mr. Dill has already addressed the things I would have said. We need to address these issues for the majority of residents in this City and not for 1 or 2 individuals. I am against changing the Ordinance.

NO MOTION NECESSARY

7. Consider and act on an appointment of Place 5 of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Bob Hart, City Manager - Place 5 of the Planning and Zoning Commission was recently vacated due to the Commissioner relocating outside of Corinth. Rodney Thornton, Alternate 2, has demonstrated active participation on the Planning and Zoning Commission since being appointed in October.

Staff recommends appointing Rodney Thornton to a member position on the Planning and Zoning Commission. A vacancy will occur with the Alternate 2 position should Mr. Thornton be appointed. We will advertise for that vacant position and bring that back to you.

MOTION made by Councilmember Garber to approve appointing Rodney Thornton to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Seconded by Councilmember Burke.

AYES: Burke, Garber, Johnson, Henderson
NOES: None
ABSENT: Pickens

MOTION CARRIED

- 8. Consider and act on a resolution adopting a Debt Management and Continuing Disclosure Policy for the City of Corinth.

Lee Ann Bunselmeyer, Finance Director - The policy shall provide general guidelines by which the City of Corinth will issue debt. It is the objective of this policy that (1) the City obtain financing only when necessary, (2) the process for identifying the timing and amount of debt or other financing, proceed as efficiently as possible, and (3) the most favorable interest rate and other costs be obtained.

This debt management policy applies to the financing activities of the City. It also addresses the issues of process, use and limitations. Obligations will be timed for issuance and delivery of proceeds as close as possible to the time that contracts are expected to be awarded so that the proceeds are spent in the most efficient manner.

Recommendations from the Government Finance Officers Association are that a Debt Management Committee be created to review the debt program. Included in the committee’s responsibilities are to discuss and review such topics as: Capital Improvement Program, status of financed projects, timing of additional financing needs, the effect of proposed financing activity on the related rates supporting the debt (i.e. property tax rate, utility rates, user fees, etc.). The policy places this responsibility with the Finance Audit Committee.

The Finance Audit Committee reviewed the Debt Policy on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 and recommended the policy be forwarded to the City Council for approval.

MOTION made by Councilmember Johnson to approve the policy as presented Seconded by Councilmember Henderson.

AYES: Burke, Garber, Johnson, Henderson
NOES: None
ABSENT: Pickens

Councilmember Johnson – I think it is important for the Council as a whole to go through more financial training management services because everybody here needs to understand how the bond market works. It can be very confusing and if the Legislature goes ahead in the next session and decides to change the ability for us to issue Certificates of Obligation, the Council will probably be put in the position to start looking at short term debt such as 5 year bonds or 8 year bonds and the market is already preparing for this so it is very important to understand this. I would encourage the staff to look for something and put it together for Council for some training.

MOTION CARRIED

- 9. Consider and act on a resolution approving the Climate Resiliency and Financial Stability Policy

for the City of Corinth and providing an effective date.

Bob Hart, City Manager - Credit risks resulting from climate change has become a major component in how rating agencies, such as Moody's and S&P, analyze the key credit factors for municipal debt issuance. Rating Agencies analysis of economic strength and diversity, which signals the speed with which an economy may recover, captures climate-driven credit risks such as economic disruption, physical damage, health and public safety, and population displacement. Fiscal strength, access to liquidity and levers to raise additional revenue are also key to the assessment of climate risks as is evaluating asset management and governance.

Rating Agencies view of climate change and evaluating the credit risk to local government issuers has shifted within the past twelve months. The move by Rating Agencies, such as Moody's and S&P, signifies a notable step toward financial institutions committing to the idea that climate change should be a routine consideration when evaluating the financial strength of any government or company and their ability to pay their debts.

This policy addresses the City of Corinth's ability to manage climate-driven credit risks such as economic disruption, physical damage, health and public safety, and population displacement and its ability to recover financially.

Staff recommends approval of the climate resiliency and financial stability policy.

MOTION made by Councilmember Johnson to approve the policy as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Burke.

AYES: Burke, Garber, Johnson, Henderson
NOES: None
ABSENT: Pickens

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL COMMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The purpose of this section is to allow each councilmember the opportunity to provide general updates and/or comments to fellow councilmembers, the public, and/or staff on any issues or future events. Also, in accordance with Section 30.085 of the Code of Ordinances, at this time, any Councilmember may direct that an item be added as a business item to any future agenda.

Mayor Heidemann – today is Police Appreciation Day. We are very blessed to have the Police Department and Fire Department in the Lake Cities that we have. They are very committed and thank you for all your efforts.

There was no Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council will convene in such executive or (closed session) to consider any matters regarding any of the above agenda items as well as the following matters pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas

Section 551.071. (1) Private consultation with its attorney to seek advice about pending or contemplated litigation; and/or settlement offer; and/or (2) a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the government

body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Section 551.072. To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

Section 551.074. To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.

Section 551.087. To deliberate or discuss regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect.

After discussion of any matters in closed session, any final action or vote taken will be in public by the City Council. City Council shall have the right at any time to seek legal advice in Closed Session from its Attorney on any agenda item, whether posted for Closed Session or not.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF NECESSARY, ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS.

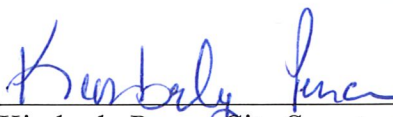
ADJOURN:

Mayor Heidemann adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

AYES: All

Meeting adjourned.

Approved by Council on the 16th day of February, 2020.



Kimberly Pence, City Secretary
City of Corinth, Texas

